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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
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1. Pakistani spokesmen claim that the Indians have launched several new attacks last night and this morning into Azad (Free) Kashmir, with most of the action occurring at Tithwal and at Mendhar, ten miles south of Poonch. The Pakistanis assert Indian forces involved in the Mehndhar fighting constitute a "brigade of 2400 men." The figure 2400 is far below the strength of a standard Indian brigade.

it is likely that the Indian attacking force was little larger than a battalion. India has been attempting to consolidate and improve its positions in the Poonch and Tithwal for several weeks.

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4. The Indians continue to find new issues on which to belabor the British, whom they consider to be unduly sympathetic to Pakistan in the current dispute. A Delhi radio broadcast to Asia, Australia, and New Zealand takes the UK to task for not informing the Indian government of various outrages which the Indians claim were committed against Indian diplomats in Karachi last month. The Indians say they had specifically asked the UK to keep them informed of any "untoward happening" affecting the Indian diplomatic establishment in Pakistan.

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